(e) The following steps have been inter-alia taken by banks to ensure enhanced flow of credit to agricultural sector :

(i) Extension of a flexible line of credit in the form of cash credit facility to ensure timely and adequate credit for sustaining agricultural production.

(ii) Drawing up special agricultural credit plans by public sector banks with a view to achieve a distinct and marked improvement in the flow of credit to agriculture during the financial year. Governor, RBI in a meeting held recently, has advised public sector banks to increase their disbursals under special agricultural credit plans by 25% over the last year's disbursals.

Supply of Coal to U.P.

1232. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of coal demanded by the various industries/sectors of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years and the quantum of coal supplied by the Union Government against their demand; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Union Government to supply coal to these industries, sectors of Uttar Pradesh as per their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b). The requirement of coal are assessed industry/sector-wise for the whole country. They are not assessed State-wise. Coal companies are supplying coal based on the programmes submitted by the consumers in accordance with sponsorships issued by the respective sponsoring authorities and to the extent of their entitlement. Coal supply to power and cement industries are made based on short-term linkages established by the Standing Linkage Committee (SLC) to these sectors.

The overall despatches of coal to core and non-core sector consumers of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under :

(Provisional)

Year	Quantity
1993-94	35.682 Million Tonnes
1994-95	35.834 Million Tonnes
1995-96	40.870 Million Tonnes

Coal companies are endeavouring to meet the requirements of coal of all consumers in the country including that in Uttar Pradesh by increasing production of coal. In addition, coal from a number of collieries is being offered under the Liberalised Sale Scheme. Under this scheme coal is supplied without the requirements of linkages/sponsorships.

[English]

Units of KVIC in Maharashtra

1233. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Units set up in Maharashtra under Khadi and Villages Industries Commission (KVIC) during the last three years and financial assistance provided to them;

(b) the details of progress made under the schemes in rural industrialisation and provision of employment to rural youth in the above state;

(c) the details of programme envisaged under KVIC during the current financial year and facilities/incentives proposed to be provided and targets set for Maharashtra for the current year; and

(d) the details of changes proposed in the ongoing schemes and the new schemes proposal to be introduced in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Details of number of units set up and the financial assistance provided by KVIC in Maharashtra during the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of Units	Amount of Assistance	
		Grant	Loan
1993-94	43450	141.39	514.94
1994-95	46290	364.93	437.02
1995-96	46596	327.23	958.60

(Units include registered institutions, cooperative societies and individuals)

Apart from the funds disbursed by KVIC for implementation of normal, programme in Maharashtra, the following funds have also been availed of by the implementing agencies in Maharashtra under interest subsidy scheme.

Funds Availed Through Institutional Finance

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Khadi	V.I.	Total
1993-94	209.07	2709.77	2918.84
1994-95	209.07	2709.77	2918.94
1995-96	183.19	3088.84	3272.03

Under District Special Employment Programme, amount of Rs. 4.72 lakhs has been released for implementation of KVI programme in Chandrapur district.